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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY BRIEFS CHIEFS OF MISSION ON  
CONTINUITY IN USG

1. ON AUGUST 10, UNDER SECRETARY SISCO MET WITH AMBASSADOR  
OF IRELAND AND CHARGES OF AUSTRIA, FINLAND, SWEDEN AND  
SWITZERLAND TO UNDERSCORE CONTINUITY OF U.S. FOREIGN  
POLICY AND TO REASSURE THEM THAT PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION  
WILL NOT DISRUPT THAT CONTINUITY.

2. SISCO SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE SECRETARY ON BEHALF  
OF THE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH THIS GROUP, AND TO INFORM  
THEM THAT MESSAGES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL GOVERNMENTS  
REAFFIRMING THE CONTINUITY OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THAT  
POLICY HAS BIPARTISAN BASIS THAT WILL BE MAINTAINED UNDER  
PRESIDENT FORD, HE SAID, AND REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. KISSINGER  
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AS SECRETARY BY PRESIDENT FORD IS BEST INDICATION OF THE

PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO PROMOTE CONTINUITY. FOREGOING, SAID SISCO, WAS WHAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY TO GROUP ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT.

3. SISCO WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT IS CLEAR USG WILL GO AHEAD TO BUILD ON AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET UNION TO TRY TO ACHIEVE DETENTE, AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO DEEPEN ITS DIALOGUE

ITH PEKING. REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST, USG HAS HAD PRODUCTIVE RECENT CONTACTS WITH ISRAELIS AND JORDANIANS, AND WILL BE CONTINUING THESE CONTACTS WITH EGYPTIANS THIS COMING WEEK.

4. THE CYPRUS SITUATION SEEMS IMPROVED FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL FIRST ROUND OF TALKS IN GENEVA, AND THE DECREASE IN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. ALTHOUGH USG IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN IS IN GENEVA AS OBSERVER WHERE WE ARE PLAYING A QUIET BUT CONSTRUCTIVE FRINGE ROLE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM SEVERAL OF THE GROUP, SISCO REPLIED THAT BECAUSE OF THE VERY RECENT DELIVERIES OF THE MESSAGES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN TIME TO RECEIVE ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OFFICIAL REACTION. IN THIS REGARD, HE RESPONDED TO AN INQUIRY THAT MESSAGE HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC.

6. REPLYING TO IRISH AMBASSADOR'S QUERY, SISCO SAID RE-PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY FOREIGN CHIEFS-OF-MISSION TO PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE UNNECESSARY. KISSINGER

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